

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Final Office Action of January 13, 2006, and entry of the current amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in immediate condition for allowance or for the purposes of appeal.

In the Final Office Action there is indicated that Claim 21 has been allowed and that Claims 13 through 20, which depend directly or indirectly on Claim 1, will also be allowable if the claims are amended to overcome the formalities noted by the Examiner on page 2 under "Claim Objections".

On page 2, in the last paragraph, of the Office Action there is indicated that Claim 1 recites "a gate side fixing member fixed to the tailgate". However, this matter is believed to have been attended to in Applicant's previous amendment by changing the wording to "a gate side fixing member to be fixed to said tailgate".

In the present Amendment claims 1 to 12 have been cancelled and allowable subject matter claim 13 has been amended to be in independent format and to address the claim objection issue noted relative to claim 1. In other words, in view of the claim objection referenced above for Claim 1, the current claim 13 indicates that "said license plate holding bracket, comprising" which even further clarifies that the subject matter is the claimed license plate holding bracket itself and not the environmental tailgate.

In addition, the objection to claim 19 has been addressed by indicating that the fixing member "enables contacting" the tailgate and not "contacts" the tailgate.

The cancellation of claims 3, 4, 6 and 11 renders the other claim objections non-applicable.

In view of the rewriting of allowable subject matter claim 13 into independent format and the removal of the objected to subject matter for the still pending claims, it is respectfully submitted that the application stands in immediate condition for allowance and confirmation of the same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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